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1. DISCUSSED UNCTAD'S ROLE CONCERNING COMMODITIES
WITH STIG BRATTSTROM OF MFA/COMMERCE. SUBSTANCE OF
HIS REMARKS LEAVES LITTLE REASON TO EXPECT MUCH
SUPPORT FROM THE GOS FOR US POSITIONS.

2. THE GOS SUPPORTED WITHOUT RESERVATIO THE COMMODITIES
RESOLUTION EXPRESSED AT NAIROBI BY SIXTEEN GOVERNMENTS
OF GROUP B, BRATTSTROM OBSERVED. GOS SUPPORTS THEREFORE

THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL IN CARRYING OUT HIS MANDATE UNDER THE COMMODITIES RESOLUTION. HOWEVER, BRATTSTROM THOUGHT IT QUITE CERTAIN THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL WOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO CONTRIVE AN UNCTAD ROLE WHERE THERE ALREADY EXISTS AN AGREEMENT (REFTEL PARAGRAPH 7). COREA HAS PROBLEMS ENOUGH WITHOUT IRRITATING GOVERNMENTS ALREADY SIGNATORY TO FOUR COMMODITY AGREEMENTS. IN OTHER WORDS, BRATTSTROM THOUGHT, COREA WOULD KEEP A "LOW PROFILE" ON THESE COMMODITIES.

3. REGARDING IRON ORE, MANGANESE AND BAUXITE, GOS WOULD SUPPORT CONSULTATIONS UNDER UNCTAD. SWEDEN IS MEMBER OF IRON ORE PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION AND HAS GENERALLY FAVORED EXCHANGES OF VIEWS IN MOST CIRCUMSTANCES. BRATTSTROM SAID IRON ORE IS NOT A COMMODITY WHICH WILL BE SUBJECT TO AN AGREEMENT AT ANY TIME IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE, BUT CONSULTATIONS IN UNCTAD ARE ACCEPTABLE.

4. CONCERNING THE OTHER COMMODITIES (WHERE THERE EXIST FORA - PARAGRAPH 9 OF REFTEL EXCEPT COPPER), SWEDEN "PARTS COMPANY WITH THE US" BRATTSTROM SAID. IF THE LDCS WANT A "BROADER LOOK" SWEDEN HAS NO OBJECTION, HE SAID.

5. BRATTSTROM ATTEMPTED TO JUSTIFY COREA'S ACTIONS ON POLITICAL GROUNDS: HE WAS GIVEN A MANDATE BY UNCTAD AND MUST TRY AND CARRY IT OUT, AND IT IS ONLY LOGICAL THAT HE WORK WITHIN THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT FRAME.

6. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION BRATTSTROM STATED THAT SWEDEN WAS NOT DEEPLY CONCERNED WITH ANY OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMODITIES IN QUESTION (EXCEPT POSSIBLY IRON ORE). NEITHER THE GOS NOR THE RIKSDAG IS UNDER PRESSURE FROM PRODUCERS, CONSUMERS, TRADERS, ETC. IF THERE WOULD BE AGREEMENT ON A STABLE PRICE LEVEL FOR A COMMODITY, SWEDEN WOULD NOT OBJECT SO LONG AS IT WOULD BE APPLIED IN A NON-DISCRIMINATORY MANNER. GOS VIEWS COMMODITY QUESTIONS, THEN, MORE AS A BYSTANDER, BUT WITH A FULL APPRECIATION OF THE POLITICAL ASPECTS AS THEY EMERGE IN THE DC-LDC DIALOGUE. MOREOVER, BRATTSTROM ADDED, IN EFFECT, WHAT'S THE HURRY? HE EXPECTED THE EXISTING MARKETING MECHANISM TO PREVAIL DURING THE PERIOD OF CONSULTATIONS WITHIN UNCTAD. HE ALSO THOUGHT THAT THE US SHOULD BE RESPONSIVE IN THE CONSULTATIVE PROCESS ON COMMODITIES WHICH UNCTAD MIGHT UNDERTAKE IF ONLY BECAUSE THERE SEEMED NO GIVE AT

ALL IN US POSITION ON DEBTS.

7. LASTLY BRATTSTROM SAID THE GOS WOULD NOT BE
INCLINED TO PUSH FOR AN EARLIER MEETING OF THE
AD HOC COORDINATING GROUP THAN PROPOSED BY COREA.
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